

Agenda for D6NLG (District 6 N'hd Leaders Group), Monday **May 1st, 2022, 7 PM** -- amended
with notes by L. Ames, 5/7/23

>> **meeting was recorded** for use by D6NLG members.

Video: http://calsj.org/D6/recordings/May'23_video.mp4;

and Chat text: http://calsj.org/D6/recordings/May'23_chat.txt

Meeting Agenda:

- Welcome and Introductory Remarks – Larry Ames, chair
- Agenda Changes/additions? **add May 11th tour of D6 Buena Vista n'hd: Page St. Studios – Alex**
- Attendee Introductions – Name / Organization / Title
 - Larry Ames, Chair
 - Ben Leech, Exec.Dir PAC* SJ
 - Steve Kline, staff to Co. Sup. Susan Ellenberg
 - Alex Shoor, CatalyzeSV
 - Ed Saum, SHPNA & Alameda Bus. Assoc
 - Jim Carter, N'hds Cmsnr D6
 - Jean Dresden, SJ Parks Advocates
 - Susan Price-Jang, RoseGlen NA
 - Pierluigi Oliverio, WGNA
 - Art Maurice, Cory NA
 - Helen Chapman, SHPNA & OSA Brd
- Guest speaker: Ben Leech, Exec.Dir. Preservation Action Council of San José -- PAC* SJ
 - Mission: watchdog & cheerleader for historic places: important for “sense of place”; makes city more interesting.
 - established 33 yrs ago
 - SJ doesn't fully recognize its resources.
 - PAC* SJ: advocacy, education, civic engagement
 - reactive & proactive: don't wait to 11th hr to stop project; advocating for preservation alternatives
 - “Endangered 8”, including cultural sites like SJ Flea Market.
 - BL Q: is D6NLG only D6? A: Not limited to D6, but there's a lot going on here...
 - don't want to battle “lost causes”. Now evaluating Milligan site: tear down boxing arena for parking lot. Why rush demolition if Google is delaying plans?
 - Q: who maintains Century 21 Dome? A: Federal Realty; have aspirational reuse plans
 - Q: does PAC* SJ go to SJ Hist Landmark Cmsn, & comment on EIRs? A: oh yes! work w/ Dana Peak, SJ's Hist Presrvn Officer; working on Hist. Inventory.
 - Burbank Theater petition.
 - Q: status of Diridon Station? A: hist. status is now recognized.
 - Q: Foreman's boxing Arena & ~1865 house at Milligan parking lot. (River St lost 3 houses to arson.)
 - Q: what was cause of fire at Hist Park? A: being investigated as arson.
- Corrections to [minutes](#)¹ from Apr 3rd meeting? accepted
 - recent letters:

¹ <http://calsj.org/D6/D6NLG%20Agenda,%20Apr%202023%20w%20notes.pdf>

- [Letter to Council](#) re: need for public process for design of former Pleasant Hills Golf Course, 4/23/23. Also signed [ADLG's 4/25/23 letter](#).
- [Letter to Council](#) re: Breeze of Innovation at Cesar Chavez Plaza, 4/12/23
- agendas, minutes, and position papers are archived on <http://calsj.org/D6/>
- Elected Officials / Staff Updates
 - Supervisor Ellenberg – Steve Kline
 - had booth at VivaCalle -- great event!
 - budget discussions.
 - Councilmember Davis – Mary Anne Groen no report
- Board and Commission Updates
 - Neighborhood Commission – Jim Carter
 - “suspended” pending details from “N’hd Engagement Model”
 - Parks & Rec Cmsn – Larry Ames (D3)
 - “Age-friendly City” (incl. senior nutrition); VivaCalleSJ 4/23/23
 - Annual trail update; volunteer management; summer programs
 - Park Fee Task Force – Helen Chapman
 - Cmte is on hold; dropped from CED agenda.
 - half Billion dollars in deferred maintenance.
 - good news from OSA: SJ agenda item 6.4 to add ‘working lands’ to ‘Climate-Smart Plan’ to sequester carbon
 - P/QP (Public/Quasi-Public, like school grounds)
 - All Districts Leadership Group – Larry Ames / Bill Rankin – N’hds Cmsn; Lake Cunningham
 - LLA signed on behalf of D6NLG in support by State Ass’y membr to seek State funding to clean Lake C’s water
- Advocacy and Community Group updates; other new topics
 - Save Our Trails -- Bill Rankin – May 8th; w/ Don Weden & plans for Urban Greenways
 - SJ Park Advocates -- Jean Dresden
 - SJ Swim & Racquet Ball is being sold for housing. LLA wrote to Liz Sewell to support request for easement for future gap-filling LG Crk Trail alignment
 - Money in capital budget to make Community Cntrs better prepared for emergency housing (e.g., flooding, fires...)
 - Which Com.Cntrs are “protected” / “chartered”? Can they be sold off, or do they req’r voter approval? A: some are, Cypress & Kirk were acquired w/ Mailer Act and are protected. Discussion at City Hall...
 - Bascom Lib has been closed to public 20% of the time due to use as overnight warming.
 - Some Com.Cntrs are w/in city parks, and protected. Gardner is not, just ‘adjacent’ – is it chartered? (It was part of GreenPrint plan...)
 - update on Burbank Theater; Page St. Studios -- Alex Shoor
 - S+NI (Stakeholders + Neighborhoods Initiative) – Kathy Sutherland no report
- Old business
 - update on **Housing Policy?** – Council has deferred until ~June?
 - Worth discussing: interesting policies. Invite Michael Brilliot & Kristen Clement. Ground-level housing in business district? Plans now list inappropriate sitings... Coming to Council late June; “no time” for public meetings... Expect “major surprises”
 - Site-selection doesn’t even consider historic inventory, or within creeks.

- City chose sites based on recent bldg. permits: not a reliable criteria. (e.g., one might be willing to sell for redev'pmnt (for tax purposes) but did get a bldg. permit for a water heater...)
 - Some cities (NOT SJ) go interview individual landowners to see if willing to sell.
- follow-up on Council's decision re: Pleasant Hills Golf Course and need for public process
- update on **"Breeze of Innovation"** (aka Light Tower project) & plans on Cesar Chavez Plaza.
- Call for candidates for June election of D6NLG Chair & VC.
- Continued: Roundtable discussion of issues local to individual communities
- Date for next mtg: **June 5th** – planned guest speaker?
- Additional topics? Announcements? Final thoughts?
 - Jim Carter: D6 Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) organizing; interest growing. 20-hr training. Cache of supplies for emergencies. How to survive for 3 days.
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